

B. Confirmation of Priority Claim:

Applicant confirms that a claim of priority is being made from U.S. patent application S.N. 09/480,092, which in turn claimed priority from provisional patent application No. 60/115,184. While applicant believes that this claim was apparent from the documents submitted with the filing of this application, the confirmation and amendment is presented to avoid any ambiguity.

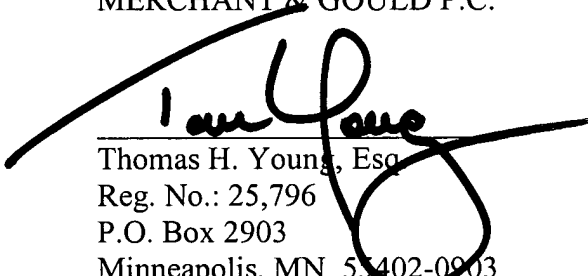
The benefit of those earlier filing dates is claimed for the present application.

Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this paper. However, if applicant is somehow in error, you are hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725 with reference to Attorney Docket No. 40217.1USC1.

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